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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No. 09/171,854

Filed: October 22, 1998

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF
NUMERICAL CHANGES IN
CELL DNA**

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Sisson, B.

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Confirmation No.: 8548

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **November 6, 2002**, and is submitted on or before the due date of **May 6, 2003**. A petition for a three-month extension of time and its requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and consider the application.

THE AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Four Times Amended) A process for detecting chromosomal overrepresentation in cells, comprising the following steps:
 - (a) isolating DNAs from cells which have no known numerical changes in their DNAs, amplifying the DNAs by means of a PCR method using tag primers, and labeling the amplified DNAs with a first label;